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In re Application of	:	
Keane et al.	:	
Application No. 10/807,555	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 23, 2004	:	
Attorney Docket No. P-4461/2 RI	:	

This is a decision on the renewed petition, filed November 26, 2007, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 (no fee) requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue and publication fees on or before July 13, 2007, as required by the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (Notice), mailed April 13, 2007.

Petitioner asserts that the Notice dated April 13, 2007 was not received.

A review of the written record indicates no irregularity in the mailing of the Notice, and, in the absence of any irregularity, there is a strong presumption that the Notice was properly mailed to the practitioner at the address of record. This presumption may be overcome by a showing that the Notice was not in fact received. In this regard, the showing required to establish the failure to receive the Notice must consist of the following:

1. a statement from practitioner stating that the Notice was not received by the practitioner;
2. a statement from the practitioner attesting to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Notice was not received; and
3. a copy of the docket record where the nonreceived Notice would have been entered and docketed had it been received must be attached to and referenced in the practitioner's statement.

See MPEP § 711.03(c) under subheading "Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Based on Failure to Receive Office Action," and "Withdrawing the Holding of Abandonment When Office Actions Are Not Received," 1156 Official Gazette 53 (November 16, 1993).

The petition satisfies the above-stated requirements. Accordingly, the application was not abandoned in fact.

In view of the above, the Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn.

This application is being referred to the Technology Center AU 3744 technical support staff for **re-mailing** the Notice of Allowability and the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due of . . . The period for paying the issue and publication fees and submitting corrected drawings will be reset to expire three (3) months from the date the Notices are re-mailed. This period is not extendable under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3215.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charlema Grant", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Charlema Grant
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